## **CLAIMS**

1. A porous film having a thickness of 5 to 100  $\mu$ m, characterized by comprising a porous layer of a polyamide-imide resin having a glass transition temperature of 70°C or higher and an inherent viscosity of 0.5 dl/g or higher and containing a unit represented by the following structural formula (I), an amount of the unit being 20 mol% or more based on all repeating structural units.

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2. The porous film according to claim 1, wherein the polyamide-imide resin is a copolymer polyamide-imide resin such that a part of an acid component thereof is substituted with at least one kind selected from the group consisting of dimer acid, polyalkylene glycol, polyester and butadiene rubber containing any of a carboxyl group, a hydroxyl group and an amino group at a terminal.

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3. The porous film according to claim 1, wherein the porous film of a polyamide-imide resin is a monolayer.

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- 4. A composite porous film characterized in that a polyamide-imide resin porous film according to claim 1 and a polyolefin porous film are combined.
- 5. The porous film according to claim 1, wherein a gas permeability is 1 to 2000 sec/100ccAir.

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6. A lithium-ion secondary cell comprising a positive electrode and a negative electrode capable of occluding/releasing a lithium ion and the porous film according to any one of claims 1 to 5 disposed as a separator between the electrodes.

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7. A process for producing a porous film, wherein the polyamide-imide resin solution according to claim 1 or 2 is applied on one surface or both surfaces of a substrate, or a substrate is immersed in the polyamide-imide resin solution according to claim 1 or 2, and thereafter the substrate is applied to a solution to be mingled with a solvent for dissolving the polyamide-imide resin and to be a poor solvent for the polyamide-imide resin to then coagulate the polyamide-imide resin.

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8. A process for producing a composite porous film, wherein the polyamide-imide resin solution according to claim 1 or 2 is applied on one surface or both surfaces of a polyolefin porous film, or a polyolefin porous film is immersed in the polyamide-imide resin solution according to claim 1 or 2, and thereafter the polyolefin porous film is applied to a solution to be mingled with a solvent for dissolving the polyamide-imide resin and to be a poor solvent for the polyamide-imide resin to then coagulate the polyamide-imide resin.

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9. A porous film having a thickness of 5 to 100 μm, characterized by comprising a porous layer of a polyamide-imide resin having a glass transition temperature of 70°C or higher, an inherent viscosity of 0.5 dl/g or higher and an amide bond/imide bond ratio of from 10/90 to 45/55.

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10. The porous film according to claim 9, wherein a part of an acid component of the polyamide-imide resin is one kind, or two kinds or more of alkylene glycol bisanhydrotrimellitate, pyromellitic anhydride, benzophenone tetracarboxylic anhydride and biphenyltetracarboxylic anhydride.

- 11. The porous film according to claim 9, wherein the polyamide-imide resin is a copolymer polyamide-imide resin such that a part of an acid component thereof is substituted with at least one kind selected from the group consisting of dimer acid, polyalkylene glycol, polyester and butadiene rubber containing any of a carboxyl group, a hydroxyl group and an amino group at a terminal.
- 12. The porous film according to claim 9, wherein the porous film of a polyamide-imide resin is a monolayer.

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- 13. A composite porous film characterized in that a polyamide-imide resin porous film according to claim 9 and a polyolefin porous film are combined.
- 14. The porous film according to claim 9, wherein a gas permeability is 1 to 2000 sec/100ccAir.
  - 15. A lithium-ion secondary cell comprising a positive electrode and a negative electrode capable of occluding/releasing a lithium ion and the porous film according to any one of claims 9 to 14 disposed as a separator between the electrodes.
  - 16. A process for producing a porous film, wherein the polyamide-imide resin solution according to any one of claims 9 to 11 is applied on one surface or both surfaces of a substrate, or a substrate is immersed in the polyamide-imide resin solution according to any one of claims 9 to 11, and thereafter the substrate is applied to a solution to be mingled with a solvent for dissolving the polyamide-imide resin and to be a poor solvent for the polyamide-imide resin to then coagulate the polyamide-imide resin.

17. A process for producing a composite porous film, wherein the polyamide-imide resin solution according to any one of claims 9 to 11 is applied on one surface or both surfaces of a polyolefin porous film, or a polyolefin porous film is immersed in the polyamide-imide resin solution according to any one of claims 9 to 11, and thereafter the polyolefin porous film is applied to a solution to be mingled with a solvent for dissolving the polyamide-imide resin and to be a poor solvent for the polyamide-imide resin to then coagulate the polyamide-imide resin.

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